

**We are veterans,
sharing our
experience.**

**We are professionals,
sharing our skills.**

**We are Americans,
sharing our spirit.**

**We are the California
State Defense Force.**



California State Military Reserve

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Message from the Commanding General



My Fellow Californians:

The men and women of the California State Defense Force, the California State Military Reserve (CA SMR), are disciplined, proud, professional and dedicated soldiers and airmen who assist in protecting our families, friends and neighbors against natural and man-made threats within California.

If you have had prior military service, the CA SMR will give you an opportunity to use your military skills and become a force multiplier. If you have not had prior service, this is your opportunity to become a part of a proud military tradition of citizen soldiers that goes back to the founding of our nation.

Do you want to take an active and important role in Homeland Security? Do you think that you have what it takes and can meet our high standards? Visit us at our website www.calguard.ca.gov/casmr/ and consider becoming a Soldier or Airman in the CA SMR.

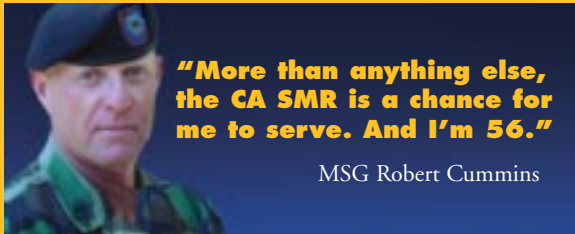
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Thomas A. Swidler
Brigadier General (CA)
California State Military Reserve
Commanding

Call today and find
your opportunity in the
California State Military Reserve
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"More than anything else, the CA SMR is a chance for me to serve. And I'm 56."

MSG Robert Cummins

Your Opportunity to Serve.

If you're a veteran with experience, a professional with skills, or someone with a passion to serve, the California State Military Reserve (CA SMR) might be your opportunity. We're an all-volunteer State Defense Force whose primary mission is to support the California National Guard in its Homeland Defense and Homeland Security missions.

Prior military service is highly desirable, but not a requirement for service in the CA SMR. We're looking for people with the desire to serve their country and their state in a professional and challenging military environment.



Five days a week, Mark Machini routes data as he builds computer networks. As a soldier in the CA SMR, SGT Machini instructs National Guard troops in the use of a compass to find their route in unmarked territory.

Find Your Opportunity in The California State Military Reserve

We know it takes a while to acquire the kinds of skills we are seeking. That is why we accept applicants up to 60 years of age. (Up to 63 with prior service.) If you have the skills, we can put them to work. Currently we are particularly interested in expanding the number of our experts in:

Small Arms Weapons Training

Public and Civil Affairs Radio Information

Disaster Mitigation and Recovery

Technology

Communications

Military Training

Public Safety

Military Police

Chaplain Services

Medical Services

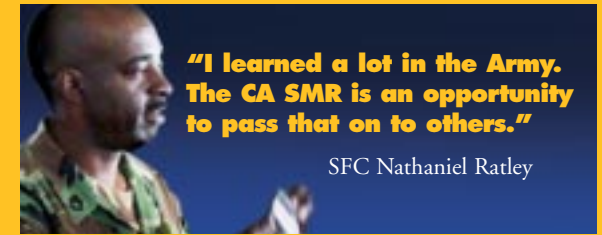
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We are always looking for candidates that reflect the diversity of the communities that we serve.



High Demands, High Satisfaction.

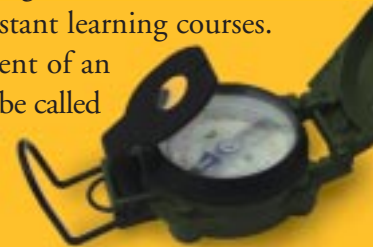
Soldiers in the CA SMR are sworn members of the California Military Department. Applicants must be California residents, be in good health and physically capable of performing the CA SMR mission. For application requirements go to www.calguard.ca.gov/casmr/.



"I learned a lot in the Army. The CA SMR is an opportunity to pass that on to others."

SFC Nathaniel Ratley

Members of the CA SMR are required to volunteer a minimum of 200 hours annually. Part of that time is spent at Unit Training Assemblies (drills or meetings), which are usually eight hours, on one Saturday each month. These are used for training sessions, mission coordination, and to work with your National Guard counterparts. In addition, there are continuing education requirements, which include attending CA SMR School Houses and taking distant learning courses. Finally, and in the event of an emergency, you could be called to State Active Duty for weeks at a time.



We offer you the chance to use your skills and learn new ones in defense of California. You will be doing something important. You will be making a difference. You will be serving with a group of proud professional volunteers, many of whom might become close friends. You will be the true citizen soldier, the true Minuteman.